

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Secondly, the transversely oriented vacuum panel is effectively completely removed from view as it is forced from an outward position to an inward position. This means that there no visible design features being imposed on the major portion of the side wall of the container in order to incorporate vacuum compensation. If required therefore, the major portion of the side wall of the present invention could have no structural features and the container could, if required, replicate a clear wall glass container. Alternatively, as there will be little or no vacuum remaining in the container after the panel is inverted, any design or shape can now be utilized, without regard for integrity against vacuum forces found in ~~hot-fill~~ hot-fill packages.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Forming the outer perimeter of the bottom portion 11 of the side wall 9 is shown the ~~side wall~~ side wall standing ring or annular portion 6 which following collapsing of the panel 11 will provide the new container support.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 32, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To allow for increased evacuation of vacuum it will be appreciated that it is preferable to provide a steep angle to the control portion 5 of the pressure panel 11. As shown in FIG. 6 the panel control portion 5 is generally set with an angle angle α varying between 30 degrees and 45 degrees. It is preferable to ensure an angle is set above 10 degrees at least. The initiator portion 1 may in this embodiment have a lesser angle angle β of perhaps ~~at least~~ at least 10 degrees less than the control portion.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

By way of example, it will be appreciated that when the panel 11 is inverted by mechanical compression it will undergo an angular change that is double that provided to it. If the conical control portion 5 is set to 10 degrees it will provide a panel change equivalent to ~~degrees~~ 20 degrees. At such a low angle it has been found to provide an inadequate amount of vacuum compensation in a hot-filled container. Therefore, it is preferable to provide much steeper angles.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

There may also be provided many different decoupling or hinge structures 13 without departing from the scope of the invention. With particular reference to FIGS. 6 and 7, it can be seen that the side of the decoupling structure 13 ~~but is~~ that is provided for the pressure panel 11 may be of an enlarged area to provide for increased longitudinal movement upwards into the container following inversion.